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RULE NO. 13

OUTSIDE PLANT FACILITIES AND SERVICE CONNECTIONS (continued)

A5 Underground service connections (continued)

B2 On property to be served (continued)

C1 (continued)

D1 (continued)

E1 (continued)

F2 Where the utility determines that conduit is to be used for the service connection, the applicant or customer will construct, own and maintain at his expense the underground supporting structure. Such underground supporting structure will be to the utility's plans and specifications between designated points on the building served and the boundary of the "common portion" easement, utility easement or dedicated street, as required.

C2 Where feasible, a single service connection will be constructed to serve two or more buildings on one continuous property. The trench or underground supporting structure or the "common portion" and those segments of "separate" portions lying within the boundary of the easement of such an arrangement will be constructed as follows, provided an easement acceptable to the utility for such "common portion" has been obtained without charge or condemnation. Unless otherwise agreed between the applicant and the utility, the width of such easement shall not exceed five feet. Where the easement of the "common portion" is adjacent to or within the paved area of a private street giving access to two or more buildings, such easement shall be broadened, where required, to include those portions of "separate" service connections that will be constructed beneath the street pavement.

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C2 (continued)

D1 Where all requirements will be for residential service the utility will provide the trench or underground supporting structure at its expense, and the applicant will perform or pay for any pavement cutting and repaving, and for clearing the route and grading it to within six inches of final grade, all in time to give the utility a reasonable construction period.

D2 Where all or a portion of the requirement will be for business service and the utility determines that buried wire or cable is to be used, the utility will provide the trench at its expense, and the applicant will perform or pay for any pavement cutting and repaving, and for clearing the route and grading it to within six inches of final grade, all in time to give the utility a reasonable construction period.

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A5 Underground service connections (continued)

B2 On property to be served (continued)

C2 (continued)

D3 Where all or a portion of the requirement will be for business service and the utility determines that an underground supporting structure is required, the utility will provide the conduit material, and metallic manhole covers where specified, or where mutually agreeable, the applicant may provide the conduit material to the utility's specifications and the utility will reimburse the applicant at the utility's current cost or the applicant's actual cost, whichever is less, for that type of conduit. The applicant will construct to the utility's specifications and deed to the utility the complete underground supporting structure. The applicant shall be responsible for loss, unreasonable breakage and any liability in connection with the conduit material or manhole covers provided to the applicant by the utility.

C3 In either C1 or C2 above the utility will, at its expense, furnish, install and maintain the service connection wire or cable.

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OUTSIDE PLANT FACILITIES AND SERVICE CONNECTIONS (continued)

- A6 Existing service connections will be reinforced as required to accommodate added service requests under the conditions set forth above.
- A7 Interior wiring
- B1 The interior wiring in buildings to provide telephone service to the occupants will be furnished, installed and maintained by either the utility or the customer. If the customer elects to furnish and install interior wiring, such wire must conform with the specifications of the utility. The cost of maintenance of inside wire is not included in the local access rates. Customers requesting utility-provided maintenance will be billed applicable charges in Schedule No. A-7.
- B2 The utility will determine the type and location of protective apparatus, on and within a building.
- B3 Where a service is to be extended between premises of an applicant or customer in separate buildings on continuous property and underground or aerial construction is either requested or required, the applicant or customer shall provide the necessary facilities.
- B4 In exceptional circumstances, when the application of this rule appears impractical or unjust, the utility or the applicant may refer the matter to the Arizona Corporation Commission for special ruling or for approval of mutually agreed upon special conditions prior to commencing construction.
- B5 The customer or an applicant (contractor) shall provide a large enough covered enclosure, with outside access from the ground floor, in a location mutually agreeable to the customer or an applicant (contractor) and the utility, to house the utility Standard Network Interface (SNI).

ORIGINAL**CONSTRUCTION CHARGES (Cont'd)****2. LINE EXTENSIONS****A. Facilities provided without Construction Charge**

Under normal conditions, the Company, without charge will extend its lines to reach applicants provided the required line extension will not exceed 300 feet.

B. Construction Charges for Facilities in Excess of the above allowance.

1. If the line extension requirements of an applicant or group of applicants exceeds the above, a construction charge will be made for the facilities in excess of the allowances specified above. The construction charges for line extensions will be apportioned equally among all applicants of a group.
2. The construction charge assessed an applicant or applicants for facilities in excess of the allowance shall be paid in advance.
3. Payments for line construction are not refundable and no credit will be allowed for future installation or line extensions constructed under the above regulations.
4. Plant extensions to provide service on a basis other than as covered above require the payment of construction charges as determined from the conditions.

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ORIGINAL**CONSTRUCTION CHARGES (Cont'd)****2. LINE EXTENSIONS (Cont'd)****C. Actual cost determination**

1. In those circumstances where extensions to facilities exceed the allowance, the customer, in addition to any material or labor to be furnished by him, will pay in advance the estimated total cost of the Company's construction as prescribed in a contract executed between the Company and the customer.
2. Should the amount advanced by the customer exceed the actual cost, a refund will be made after completion of the Company's construction.
3. In no instance will the Company charge more than the actual cost at the closing of the job order.
4. When the construction provided includes provisions for additional future customers (at Company option), the charges assessed to current applicants shall be based upon a proration of cost to their services, and not based upon the actual total of the job order.

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ORIGINAL**CONSTRUCTION CHARGES (Cont'd)****2. LINE EXTENSIONS (Cont'd)****D. Exceptional circumstances**

1. In those instances where construction involves unusual conditions such as unusual terrain, or where extraordinary charges applicable to government land crossings, forestry permits, etc., are involved, a departure from the rates and conditions specified in this schedule may be made by the Company.
2. In those instances where the customer requested type of construction differs from that normally provided by the Company, the customer will bear any additional cost or savings associated with the construction. Company concurrence with the customer request will only be provided in accordance with standard utility construction specifications.
3. When the application of this schedule appears impracticable or unjust, the Company or the customer may refer the matter to the Arizona Corporation Commission for a special ruling on or for approval of mutually agreed upon special conditions prior to commencing construction.

3. COLLECTIVE APPLICATIONS AND GROUPING OF APPLICANTS

When construction is required to serve a new applicant, a survey shall be made of all prospects who might be served from the new construction or an extension thereof and who might benefit by being included in the project. Allowances are made only for those prospective customers signing contracts for service at the time the project is initiated.

All applicants are grouped in a single project when there is not more than one-half mile of construction between successive applicants. Separate projects are established whenever the construction between any two successive applicants exceeds one-half mile.

An applicant at any premises receives only one single plant facility extension allowance regardless of the number of services ordered at that premises.

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ORIGINAL**CONSTRUCTION CHARGES (Cont'd)****4. TEMPORARY OR SPECULATIVE PROJECTS**

Plant facilities to provide service to an applicant engaged in temporary or speculative projects shall be provided in accordance with terms specified in a contract executed between the customer and the Company.

Charges for such a temporary or speculative project may include the construction and removal of telephone facilities.

5. REAL ESTATE SUBDIVISIONS

A subdivision or real estate development is defined as improved or unimproved land under a definite plan of development wherein it can be shown that there are reasonable prospects within the next five years for four or more customers for nontemporary main telephone line services.

Line extensions and/or additions into real estate subdivisions will be made by the Company provided 100% of the estimated total cost for facilities to provide service is advanced to the Company by the subdivider.

After completion of construction the Company will review annually, over a period of five (5) years, the permanently established service connections within the development and refund a prorated portion of the advance based on 100% occupancy. Each succeeding years refund will only include additional connections exceeding the previous year.

Should the developer or subdivider fail to provide for the distribution facilities as provided for in this condition, customers residing in the subdivision or development will be treated as either individual or collectively grouped applicants, as applicable.

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ORIGINAL**CONSTRUCTION CHARGES (Cont'd)****6. CHARGES TO SUBSEQUENT APPLICANTS**

When a subsequent applicant is secured who can be served from an existing project within five years of the initial date of same project, the new applicant will pay to the Company a prorated portion of the facility charge as paid by the original applicants to that project.

When a customer discontinues service and service is reestablished for a new applicant at the same location, the new applicant will not be required to pay additional charges where facilities are in place.

7. DISCONNECTS

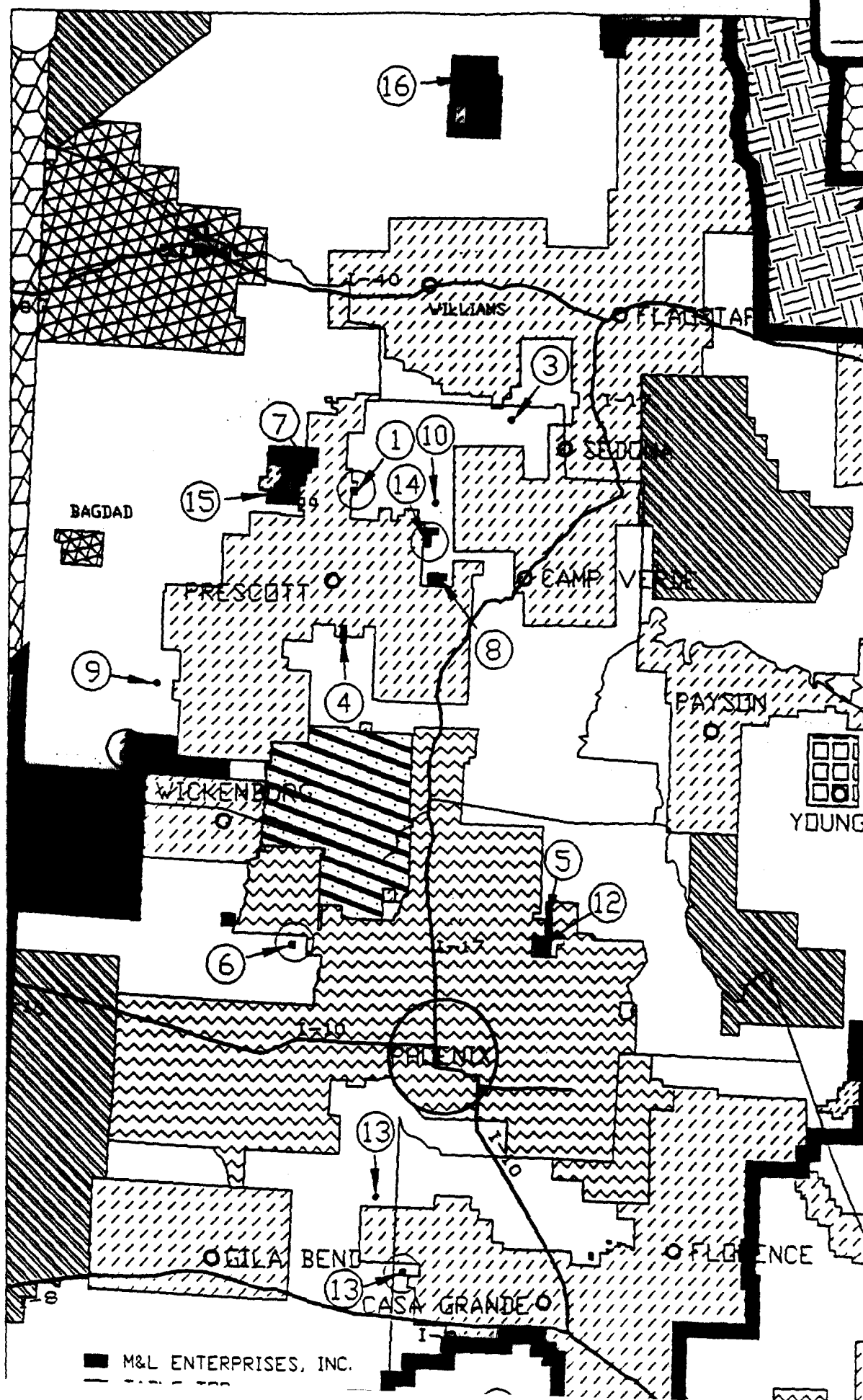
When one or more customers on a project disconnect within the five year term, no refund is made on the nonrecurring facility charge to the disconnected customers. Charges to remaining customers are not affected by disconnects.

8. MOVE OR CHANGE OF FACILITIES AT CUSTOMER'S REQUEST

When a customer requests that facilities located on that customer's property be moved or changed, the Company will charge the customer the actual cost incurred by such a move or change. The Company reserves the right to approve or deny any such requests.

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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
FOR USF MAP

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|--|---|
| ① CHINO VALLEY EAST
T16N, R1W, SEC. 19 | 100+ HOMESITES
1 PERMANENT RESIDENT |
| ② CONGRESS/ESCAPEES
T9N, R6W, SEC. 24 | 200 RV SPACES, 236 1/4 ACRE = 436
CURRENTLY 42 PERMANENT RESIDENTS |
| ③ SEDONA
T18N, R4E, SEC. 16 | 1 CUSTOMER |
| ④ PRESCOTT/WALKER
T12-1/2N, R2W, SEC. 36 | 13 PERMANENT RESIDENTS
(54 LOTS SOLD) |
| ⑤ RIO VERDE NORTH
T5N, R6E, SEC. 30
T5N, R6E, SEC. 31
T5N, R6E, SEC. 19 | 35-40 POTENTIAL |
| ⑥ WITTMANN/WHISPERING RANCH
T4N, R3W, SEC. 14 | 30 EXISTING HOMES |
| ⑦ PRESCOTT/INSCRIPTION RANCH
T16N, R3W, SEC. 28 | 100 POTENTIAL HOMESITES
TOTAL FOR INSCRIPTION RANCH IS 500 HOMESITES |
| ⑧ PRESCOTT/DEWEY
T14N, R2E, SEC. 28 | 'HOOTENANY HOLLER'
15 EXISTING CUSTOMERS
54 POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS |
| ⑨ YARNELL
T11N, R7W, SEC. 24 | 1 PERMANENT RESIDENT |
| ⑩ PRESCOTT
T16N, R2E | 1 CUSTOMER |
| ⑪ ELOY/SILVER BELL
T10S, R6E, SEC. 14 | 130 EXISTING CUSTOMERS
466 POTENTIAL TOTAL CUSTOMERS |
| ⑫ RIO VERDE SOUTH
T4N, R5E, SEC. 11 | 80 POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS |
| ⑬ MARICOPA/HALEY HILLS
T6S, R2E, SEC. 5
T4S, R1E, SEC. 4 | 20 POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS |
| ⑭ PRESCOTT/MINGUS MTN
T15N, R2E, SEC. 30
T15N, R2E, SEC. 31 | MINGUS MOUNTAIN ESTATES
CHARTER SCHOOL & RESIDENTIAL AREA |
| ⑮ PRESCOTT
T16N, R4W, SEC. 26 | 80 POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS |
| ⑯ VALLE/WOODLAND RANCH | 60 POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS |

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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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May 29, 1998

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FAXED & MAILED
(602) 235-4890

Re: U S WEST Communications, Inc. - ACC Docket No. T-1051B-97-637 (Unserved Areas)
FCC Docket No. 96-45; 97-160; DA 98-715

Dear Ms. Arnold:

Attached is Staff's first set of data requests to U S WEST Communications, Inc. in the above-referenced matter.


For purposes of this data request set, the words "U S WEST," "the Company," "you," and "your" refer to U S WEST Communications, Inc., and any representative, including every person and/or entity acting with, under the control of, or on behalf of U S WEST Communications, Inc. For each answer, please identify by name, title, and address each person providing information that forms the basis for the response provided.

If the Company does not have the exact data requested in some instances, please provide the Company's best estimate in all cases. These data requests are continuing, and your answers or any documents supplied in response to these data requests should be supplemented with any additional information or documents that come to your attention after you have provided your initial responses. Where estimates have been provided, please follow up with more firm numbers or data as soon as possible but no later than **thirty (30) days** from the date of this letter.

Ms. Arnold
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Please respond within **ten** business days of your receipt of the faxed copy of this letter. If you are able to provide your responses to any of the questions earlier than the deadline set forth herein, please do so. Please submit an **original and one copy** of all of your responses, attachments and documents provided in reply to each question.

Sincerely,


Maureen A. Scott
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Enclosure

cc: David A. Motycka
Del Smith

**ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
STAFF'S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS TO
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
ACC DOCKET NO. T-1051B-97-637 (Unserved Areas)
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- DS-1. Currently, are there any potential customers within the Company's exchange boundaries that do not have telephone service? If yes, how many?
- DS-2. Please indicate the basis for your estimate provided in response to Question 1.
- DS-3. Where are these potential customers located? List the estimated number of potential customers by wire center or exchange and by section, township and range.
- DS-4. If your response to DS-1 is yes, why do these potential customers not have telephone service at the present time? Have any of these potential customers requested service at any time? If yes, please provide the names of the customers and the dates service was requested.
- DS-5. For the customers listed in your response to DS-3, indicate the distance from the potential customer's location to the nearest available facilities.
- DS-6. Are there any potential customers immediately outside the Company's exchange boundaries that do not have telephone service? If yes, how many?
- DS-7. Please indicate the basis for your estimate provided in response to Question 6.
- DS-8. Where are these potential customers located? List the estimated number of potential customers by wire center or exchange, and if possible, by section, township and range.
- DS-9. If your response to DS-6 is yes, why do these potential customers, if any, not have telephone service at the present time? Have any of these potential customers requested service at any time? If yes, please provide the names of the customers and the dates service was requested.
- DS-10. For the customers listed in your response to DS-8, please indicate the distance from the potential customer's location to the nearest available facilities.
- DS-11. Has your Company received any complaints from potential customers regarding their inability to obtain telephone service during the last five years? Please indicate the number of complaints received by year, the nature of each complaint, and where the customer is located.

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- DS-12. If your answer to DS-11 was yes, how were each of these complaints resolved? Please list all instances where the complaint is still unresolved and date the complaint was received.
- DS-13. Does your Company have an approved line extension tariff on file with the Commission? If yes, please attach a copy and briefly explain how it works.
- DS-14. How often in the past five years have you given estimates under your tariff to potential customers without service?
- DS-15. What have those estimates been? Please provide as many individual examples as possible for the prior 10 year period. Please also indicate what your average estimate is for line extension requests you receive.
- DS-16. Have all potential customers provided with these estimates been able to pay the required amount to have facilities put in place to obtain telephone service?
- DS-17. If your answer to Question 16 is no, how many potential customers have been unable to pay the required amount to have facilities put in place? Please indicate per request the dollar amount which the potential customer was unable to pay, and when the request was made for the last 10 year period.
- DS-18. Would any of these potential customers qualify for federal Lifeline assistance using the federal default eligibility criteria? If yes, please estimate how many would fall into this category?
- DS-19. How much does the Company currently receive in Federal High Cost Funds? How much does the Company receive in Long Term Support assistance from the Federal jurisdiction? How much does the Company receive in Federal assistance from DEM Weighting?

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SO
Division of Community
Development (OCD)
Larry Rodgers, Statistician

PROFILE

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT (1990)

<i>Number of persons 3 years of age and older enrolled</i>		
Preprimary	3,286	6.2%
Elementary and high school	43,795	82.2%
College	6,183	11.6%

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME (1990)

<i>Persons 5 years of age and older</i>		
English only	22,855	17.42%
American Indian language	107,665	82.04%
Spanish	494	.38%
Asian/Pacific Islander language	79	.06%
Other language	136	.10%

ACTIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH (1990)

Native population	151,015
Born in state of residence	126,369
Born in another state	24,537
Born outside the U. S.	109
Foreign-born	270
Entered U. S. between 1980 and 1990	171

INCOME AND POVERTY STATUS: 1970 to 1990

Per Capita Income

1970 Census	1980 Census	1990 Census
\$776	\$2,414	\$4,106

Median Family Income

1970 Census	1980 Census	1990 Census
\$3,084	\$9,079	\$11,885

Percent of Persons below the Poverty Level

1970 Census	1980 Census	1990 Census
64.5%	49.7%	56.1%

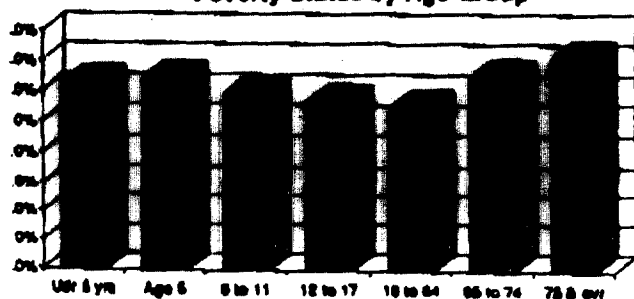
Percent of Families below the Poverty Level

1970 Census	1980 Census	1990 Census
62.1%	47.3%	57.4%

POVERTY STATUS IN 1989

<i>Persons for status determined</i>	150,577	
Below poverty	84,508	56.1%
Persons 18 years and over	85,824	
Below poverty	46,619	54.3%
Persons 65 years and over	8,864	
Below poverty	5,878	66.3%

Poverty Status by Age Group



VETERAN STATUS (1990)

Total civilian veterans	5,826
Civilian veterans 16 to 64 years of age	
Male	4,468
Female	170
Civilian veterans 65 years and over	
Male	1,121
Female	67
Period of military service:	
May 1975 or later*	1,135
Vietnam era	2,140
Feb 1955 to July 1964	433
Korean conflict	745
World War II	1,335
World War I, other service	38

*Does not include the Persian Gulf conflict

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS (1990)

Total housing units	56,372
Lacking complete plumbing	29,099 78.6
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	26,869 72.6
Source of water	
Public system or private company	34,306
Individual drilled well	11,360
Individual dug well	2,071
Some other source	8,635
Sewer disposal	
Public sewer	18,569
Septic tank or cesspool	10,449
Other means	27,354 -74.5
Total housing units occupied	37,000
Owner Occupied	27,586
Renter Occupied	9,432
Primary heating fuel used	
Utility gas	4,998
Bottled tank or LP gas	5,174
Electricity	23,349 72.5
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	594
Coal	2,427
Wood	20,094 54.3
Solar energy	22
Other fuel	167
No fuel used	175

Occupied housing units without telephone	28,688
Percent of units without telephone	77.5%

Period structure built

1980's	20,252	1950's	5,093
1970's	15,758	1940's	1,664
1960's	11,676	1939/earlier	1,929

U.S. Census Bureau

County Estimates for People of All Ages in Poverty for Arizona: 1993

Table A93-04. Estimated Number and Percent People of all Ages in Poverty by County: Arizona 1993

(Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates Program, Bureau of the Census)
(Population as of March 1994)

State and County	People of All Ages in Poverty			
	Number		Percent	
	Estimate	90% Confidence Interval	Estimate	90% Confidence Interval
Arizona	757,556	718,443 to 796,669	18.5	17.6 to 19.5
Apache County	27,120	21,525 to 32,715	40.8	32.4 to 49.2
Cochise County	22,998	18,578 to 27,417	21.9	17.7 to 26.2
Cocconino County	22,937	18,399 to 27,475	22.0	17.6 to 26.4
Gila County	9,543	7,635 to 11,451	21.3	17.0 to 25.6
Graham County	7,150	5,840 to 8,661	26.1	20.5 to 31.6
Greenlee County	1,172	922 to 1,422	12.8	10.0 to 15.5
La Paz County	3,774	3,010 to 4,538	26.4	21.1 to 31.8
Maricopa County	379,587	321,428 to 437,746	16.0	13.6 to 18.5
Mohave County	20,791	16,576 to 25,006	17.7	14.1 to 21.3
Navajo County	27,034	21,601 to 32,467	31.2	24.9 to 37.5
Pima County	139,155	114,074 to 164,236	19.0	15.6 to 22.5
Pinal County	31,868	25,524 to 38,212	25.7	20.6 to 30.8
Santa Cruz County	9,871	7,757 to 11,984	27.4	21.5 to 33.3
Yavapai County	19,145	15,448 to 22,841	15.0	12.1 to 17.9
Yuma County	35,412	27,827 to 42,996	28.0	22.0 to 34.0

These estimates were released in January 1998.

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